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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE SYG GEORG
KAHN-ACKERMANN TO WASHINGTON, APRIL 15 OR 20.

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1. COUNCIL OF EUROPE SECRETARY GENERAL KAHN-ACKERMANN INFORMED ME THIS MORNING THAT FOLLOWING HIS REGULAR SPRING VISIT TO NEW YORK ON APRIL 19, HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT WASHINGTON APRIL 20 FOR INFORMAL TALKS AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT. KAHN-ACKERMANN WOULD, IF POSSIBLE, LIKE TO MEET BRIEFLY WITH THE SECRETARY OR DEPUTY-SECRETARY, WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMANN OR DEPUTY ASST. SEC. LOWENSTEIN. HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH COORDINATOR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS IN ORDER TO DISCUSS COUNCIL ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD. SINCE THIS IS ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES OF COUNCIL, AND GIVEN TWO IMPORTANT CASES OF ALLEGED VIOLATION OF EUROPEAN HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENTION BEING CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL MACHINERY - IRISH COMPLAINT AGAINST UK AND CYPRIOT COMPLAINT AGAINST TURKEY, (REF. A) I BELIEVE AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN KAHN-ACKERMANN AND COORDINATOR WOULD BE OF INTEREST AND IMPORTANCE. IN THIS CONNECTION KAHN-ACKERMANN WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN BRIEFING AND EXCHANGE OF

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VIEWS BY DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN CYPRUS. HE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS U.S. VIEWS ON CSCE AND BELGRADE CONFERENCE, WHICH WILL BE SUBJECT OF DEBATE AT MEETING OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY WEEK FOLLOWING VISIT, AND WHICH HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN MEMBER STATES OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE. (REF. B.)

2. KAHN-ACKERMANN KNOWS HIS VISIT WOULD TAKE PLACE AT SAME TIME ROY JENKINS IS IN WASHINGTON AND THEREFORE UNDERSTANDS PROBLEMS OF SCHEDULING AND DIFFICULTIES IN MEETING TOP-LEVEL PEOPLE. HOWEVER, HE HOPES SOMETHING CAN BE WORKED OUT ALONG AFOREMENTIONED LINES. HIS "CHEF DE CABINET " HAS JUST PHONED TO SAY THAT HE COULD SHIFT HIS VISIT TO APRIL 15 IF THIS WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT.

3. GIVEN THE INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD, ITS INVOLVEMENT IN CSCE, AND THE TURKISH-CYPRIT DISPUTE, I RECOMMEND THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR KAHN-ACKERMANN TO VISIT THE DEPARTMENT ON APRIL 15 OR 20.ROMINE

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